

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed June 5, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed October 3, 2006 prior to preparing this response, in which claims 1-5, 7-28, 30, 32-35 and 37-44 are pending in the application, claims 1-4, 8-11, 17-19, 27, 28, 34 and 35 were rejected, claims 5, 12-16, 20-27, 30, 36 and 40-44 were withdrawn from consideration, and claims 7, 32-33 and 38-39 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise indicated as allowable.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 17-19, 27, 28-29, 34, 35 and 37 were rejected under either 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. Applicants have cancelled these claims, rendering the rejections moot.

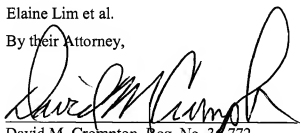
Claims 7, 32-33 and 38-39 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise indicated as allowable. Applicants have amended these claims to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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